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Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast, Houston, TX  
Type of Construction: Adaptive Resuse  
Role: Architect, Prime Consultant  
Size: 81,000 SF  
Completed in 2010  
Planned Parenthood cares passionately about helping women, men and young people lead healthy lives. Kathleen English shares that belief - when people are truly cared for, they will make their lives, their families- and even the world- better and healthier. Kathleen took this sentiment to heart when working on the adaptive reuse of a former commercial office building into a full service medical facility. This project is a culmination of not her only her personal beliefs in using architecture to make the world a better place but also her professional beliefs in reusing and updating old spaces. By creating a warm and inviting environment from what was once a nearly 30-year old tear down, Kathleen allowed Planned Parenthood Gulf Coast to continue to provide the health services, education and advocacy that now matched its facilities. Besides bringing in energy efficient elements, Kathleen was able to also create a tranquil and calming garden surrounding the building to create a safe and healing space for patients and personnel.



Alumnae Biography

Kathleen English is founding principal of English + Associates. With over 26 years of architectural and design experience, Kathleen has worked on a variety of projects ranging from education facilities, corporate and technical expansions, health care facilities and corporate interiors. In the area of Low Impact Development (LID), Kathleen's

leadership has changed the practice. She has influenced not only other architects, but an entire professional industry. From the City of Houston's first LEED Gold certified project to the first use of rainwater reclamation, Kathleen continues to change the face of Houston and the industry.

- AWARDS**
- 2007/2008/2009 Houston Business Journal's Fastest Growing Woman-Owned Business
  - 2008 Houston Urban Land Institute Uprising Award
  - 2009 ICE Excellence in Construction
  - 2008 Greater Houston Preservation Alliance Good Brick Award

- PUBLICATIONS**
- Provided the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) with a case study for for future sites to model in stormwater managment. (2009)
  - The State of Texas' First Formal Low Impact Design Guidelines (2010)